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BROAD AND PARK ST., BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

Minister:

REV. JOHN OGDEN WINNER, M. A.

20 PARK STREET.

MORNING WORSHIP 10.30 o'clock

EVENING WORSHIP at 7.30

BIBLE SCHOOL, IN PARISH HOUSE, 12 M.

JUNIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING, 3.30 P. M.

EPWORTH LEAGUE VESPER SERVICE, 7 P. M.

### Mr. Moenke's Complaint.

William Moenke of 20 Maolis avenue, appeared before the Town Council and complained that the gas supply had been shut off from his house. The circumstances under which it occurred were peculiar.

Mayor Hauser appeared to be very familiar with Mr. Moenke's trouble and he explained to the council the situation.

The origin of the complication in which Mr. Moenke is involved dates back about forty years, at which time a commission, appointed by act of Legislature, laid out a large number of streets in the southern section of the town. These streets were simply "paper" streets appearing on a land company's map and the only official status the streets ever had was due to the filing of the map in the county court-house. The land company that engineered the transaction was the Watessing Land and Improvement Company, a corporation that purchased the Watessing Lake property and several plots of land adjoining the lake. A score or more of streets were mapped out through the property. The land company was in advance of the times and its project failed. The streets that were mapped out, however, clouded the title to property affected. That the streets, though never laid out for public use, affected land titles was just brought to light by the late Frederic H. Pilch, a former counsel to the Essex County Building and Loan Association. An application for a loan was before the association and Mr. Pilch in making the usual search found that the land in question was right in line of one of the streets appearing in the land company maps and the loan was refused. From that time on a number of the streets were vacated by legal process. The late George T. Dodd, who came into possession by foreclosure of a large part of the property that was purchased by the land company, had considerable difficulty with the streets and was put to considerable expense in getting the cloud on the title of his property removed.

One of the streets laid out on the land company's map was an extension of Maolis avenue from Glenwood avenue to Orange street.

Previous to the operations of the Watessing Land Company, Messrs. Dodd and Mitchell of East Orange purchased a tract of farm land there from a party named Storms and which extended along the west line of Orange street from the Peloubet property to the Amzi Baldwin property, and extending westward to the shore line of Watessing Lake. Messrs. Dodd and Mitchell plotted out Lake street and two short streets at right angles from each end of Lake street to Orange street. The street that was laid from the easterly end of Lake street was Crown street, and they reserved a strip of land between the easterly route of Crown street and Amzi Baldwin's line. The street that connected the westerly end of Lake street with Orange street is now included in Roosevelt avenue, which in fact follows the lines of Dodd and Mitchell streets. They also reserved a strip of land between the southerly line of that street and the Peloubet property. The strip had eighteen feet frontage on Orange street and eighty-three feet frontage on Lake street. When Maolis avenue was projected, both Peloubet street and Dodd and Mitchell's street were disregarded and the new street, Maolis avenue cut through the rear end of the property fronting on Peloubet street, and if it were now established along its original lines would cut through the property of the late George Peterson and would probably cut a slice from the front of Mr. Moenke's house. Maolis avenue as projected also cuts into the strip reserved by Dodd and Mitchell, between their own street and the Peloubet property.

Before Maolis avenue could become a legal street, Dodd and Mitchell would have to be paid for the property taken from them for the street. That never was done and Mathias Dodd, who succeeded to the title of the strip of land in question, was assessed for it just the same as if Maolis avenue was not there. Eventually a roadway came into use from Lake street to Orange street and Maolis avenue got recognition from use and some of the people who bought lots from the Peloubet Organ Company, with the legal frontage on Peloubet street, erected houses on the rear end of their lots and fronted what they assumed to

be a public highway. The assumption that Maolis avenue was a legal street was taken for granted by the public officials, and gas mains and sidewalks were laid in the street, but not along the lines of the original Maolis avenue. Mr. Mathias Dodd always contended that Maolis avenue was not a legal street, and that he had never been paid for the property in the street as shown on the map of the Watessing Land Company. Mr. Dodd sold the property a few years ago to other parties and they went before the tax adjustment commission and paid all the town tax and assessment claims against the property on the basis fixed by the commission. Proceedings were also taken in the Court of Chancery and the title quieted there. The property again changed hands and the new owner contemplates building upon it, and the house that is planned is directly in front of Mr. Moenke's house, and in digging the cellar the gas connections leading to Mr. Moenke's house will be cut off.

Mayor Hauser referred Mr. Moenke's complaint for investigation.

### High School Athletics.

Last Saturday the High School boys and girls' basketball team journeyed to New Brunswick and won both games. The boys won their game by the score of 24 to 9, and the girls won by the score of 12 to 1.

The Bloomfield High School girls completely outclassed the New Brunswick lassies, and although they were on a strange court, they nevertheless played as good a game as, if they were playing on the Berkeley court. Marion Stone played a very good game for Bloomfield.

Goals from field—M. Stone 4, R. Betts 2, Fouls—M. Schield 1. Referee—Mr. Smith. Umpire—Miss Lambert.

The boys of Bloomfield High School also had their opponents in their power and cinched the game right at the start. Bloomfield started the scoring when Harris shot a basket after two minutes of play. This was followed by a shot of Cady's and from that point Bloomfield had victory well in hand. The first half ended with Bloomfield High School ahead by the score of 11-2. The second half was faster and New Brunswick played a better game, but Bloomfield retained the lead and the game ended with the score 24-9. The feature of the game was the brilliant playing of Cady, the Bloomfield left guard. His shooting was of the highest calibre, and he succeeded in carrying the sphere six times. Smith played well for New Brunswick.

Goals—Cady 6, Harris 2, Hamilton 1, Pender 1, Smith 3. Fouls—Hamilton 4, Schuler 3. Score at end of first half—Bloomfield High School 11, New Brunswick High School 2. Score at end of game—Bloomfield High School 24, New Brunswick High School 9. Umpire—Smith, Rutgers. Referee—J. D. Lawrence, Bloomfield High School. Timekeepers—Sternberger, Bloomfield High School; Gaudreue, New Brunswick High School. Attendance—150.

The boys' team will close its season next Saturday when they play Hoboken Academy at Hoboken.

The track team will probably participate in the Princeton meet, which will be held May 25 at Newark Academy field.

### Centennial Carnival.

The Parade and Decoration Committee of the Centennial Celebration Committee, extends an invitation to all societies and organizations in the town to participate in the night parade and carnival that is to be held some evening during Centennial week. The only condition imposed is that those who take part must do so in carnival costume.

In addition to lodges, fraternal organizations and other societies and clubs, any group of citizens that desire to get together just for the Centennial parade, either with a "float" or as a company, are cordially invited to do so.

It is desired to make the night carnival a grand feature of the celebration and the hearty co-operation of every organization in the town will be welcomed. It is requested that all who intend to take part will notify the secretary of the committee, E. L. R. Cadmus, at an early date.

### Advocates Town Hall.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

Sir:—I was not a little surprised to find my name in your issue of March 2 as interesting myself in the project of a "town hall" for Bloomfield.

Being thus brought before the public in this connection, I ask that you grant me space to present this matter to my fellow citizens as briefly as I possibly can, and I wish first to call attention to the fact that our mayor favors this project, as evidenced in his message to the council at its first meeting in January, at the same time stating that the cost to the town in interest on a bond issue for this purpose would be no greater than the rentals paid at present.

My reasons, concisely stated at this time, are that the present accommodations for the conduct of the public business are primitive and inadequate.

Consider, please, our police station. It is entirely unsuited for the purposes, and is unworthy of a town of the importance of Bloomfield.

The accommodations furnished to officers are cramped and are not such as should be furnished, if we expect to receive satisfactory service. Also we have no public hall where public meetings or hearings can be held.

My object in advocating the erecting of this public building is that all the departments may be brought under one roof for ready consultation, one with the other, and that the accommodations be of ample size and "up to date," that we may demand and receive the maximum efficiency from each department.

Another thing, I recommended that in this building ample provision could be made for the proper conduct of such utilities as the town is now conducting such as furnishing an office for the superintendent of Public Works and Water Supply, and that ample provision could be made in this building for the proper storage and care of the town's personal property, such as merchandise and tools in charge of a custodian, who shall keep proper books of everything received and disbursed, in fact, introducing a modern business system. I say this without intending to criticize the present method, because I assume that all did the best they could under existing conditions.

I will refrain from going into further details, as I consider it unnecessary, and will leave it at present in this manner with my fellow townsmen for careful consideration, and I ask that they express themselves as favoring the project to the councilmen of the respective wards and through THE CITIZEN.

I would suggest one of the following locations for this municipal building:

The plot situated at the intersection of Broad and Franklin streets, best known as the Nash property, or the corner of Broad and Liberty streets, the old library plot. And in the event that neither of these can be had, in that case would recommend for consideration that triangular plot in front of the Nash property, and Franklin streets, if it is available for this purpose.

Like Mr. Micawber, "I am waiting for something to turn up."

H. C. Beck.

March 6, 1912.

### Citizens Should Act.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

Sir:—As the citizens of our town and those of Belleville and Nutley are united in their action to prevent Montclair and East Orange foisting a sewerage disposal plant within their borders, it seems to me advisable that all citizens, regardless of party preferences, should assist the joint committee from the councils of the three objecting towns by backing their endeavors to protect our town from desecration.

To be more explicit, a bill now before the Legislature, known as Assembly Bill No. 261, provides that no town shall place a sewerage disposal plant within the borders of another town without first obtaining the consent of the council and Board of Health of the town affected. The bill was presented by Assemblyman Wm. M. Beard, and he is using his best endeavors to have this bill become a law.

All wide-awake and patriotic citizens should write to him, encouraging him in his good work, and also to Assemblyman H. F. Holloway of Montclair, Assemblyman William E. Stagg of East Orange and Senator Austen Colgate, addressing them at Trenton. We should impress them with the united and indignant stand of our citizens, earnestly requesting them to support, by their votes and influence with fellow-assemblymen and senators, the above named Assembly Bill No. 261.

No half-way measures should be taken to prevent this encroachment on our town, and all citizens should send at once a hearty letter as suggested, approving and requesting support of said bill JAMES A. STARKWEATHER.

### Glorious News.

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